

MEETING TITLE: CHILD CARE COORDINATING COMMITTEE/ FULL MEETING

DATE: July 11, 2002

MEMBER ATTENDEES: Deanna Houck, Laurie Cornelius, Elizabeth Bonbright Thompson, Mike Sheehan, Barb Giachetti, Sherrie Cowan, Marcy Maki, Liz Egge (staff), Mari Offtenbacher, Jean Bombardier, Rachael Langen, Lorrie Grevstad, Robbin Dunn, Robin Boehler

Not Able to Attend: Micaela Guberlet, Sen. Jeanne Kohl-Welles, Kathy Whelan, Mary Massey, and Judith Gidley

Guests: Sharon Huck, Barb Felter

ISSUES	DISCUSSION	DECISIONS	FOR ACTION
Introductions, approval of minutes	Meeting minutes for the month of June were read and reviewed.	Motion was made by Elizabeth Bonbright Thompson and seconded by Sherrie Cowan to accept the June Minutes.	
Membership	<p>Discussion was held on vacant positions and the need for new members. The following positions are up for renewal or are expiring.</p> <p>Micaela Guberlet has filled the parent (subsidized with child in child care) position.</p> <p>The parent (able to pay) position is still open. Robbin Dunn will see if a Headstart/ECEAP parent will fill the position.</p> <p>Stu Jacobsen (Washington Parents for Safe Child Care) is interested in filling a position on the CCCC.</p> <p>Sherrie Cowan is stepping down from the Membership Committee so a member of the CCCC will need to fill her role in the Membership Committee. In addition, Mary Massey is no longer able to participate in the Membership Committee due to position changes.</p> <p>Discussion took place surrounding clarifying the membership process.</p> <p>Discussion was brought forward about sharing the WA. State Family Child Care position. The need was expressed about allowing the position to be shared and include an Eastern Washington Child representative. Sherry Schleufer is interested in sharing the position with Linda Tyner. Marcy discussed difficulties of position sharing and stated much coordination would need to take place.</p>	<p>Barb Giachetti volunteered to partner on the membership committee.</p>	<p>Marcy requested that members step forward at the August meeting to volunteer for the Membership Committee.</p>

Budget Discussion/DSHS	<p>Barb Felver, Office of Financial Management (OFM) provided a presentation on the current State budget and financial concerns.</p> <p>For more information about the DSHS Budget is available at www.app2.wa.gov/dshs/budget/ or on the Budget Information Line: (360) 902-8255.</p>		
CCDF Reauthorization	<p>Elizabeth Bonbright Thompson distributed the Child Care Development Grant Reauthorization in 2002: Summaries of Current Legislation* for House Bills and Senate Bills produced by CLASP. Additional or new information may be found at www.clasp.org.</p> <p>The mark up for CCDBG is scheduled for July 17th, 2002.</p>		
Annual Report	<p>The annual report will focus on how important the early years are to success in child development. It will be written in composition style and will be formatted as followed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction- Where We Are. • Where We've Been • Where We Want To Go • Vision and Mission • Topic <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Financing and Affordability 2) Workforce Development and Retention 3) Capacity and Infrastructure for Quality Services 4) Linking Child Care With K-12 Schools <p>The following persons will serve as an editorial board to review the annual report:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Robin Dunn • Lynn Shanafelt • Mary Massey • Agda Burchard • OSPI Representative • Nooksack Representative • A Superintendent of a Public School District <p>Timeframe: Aug.- rough draft September CCCC- fully developed draft End of Sept. - To Cece Callison, DCCCEL Program Manager, and then on to Office of Financial Management (OFM) for approval and on to the print shop.</p> <p>Gretchen Stahr Breunig and Nancy Ashley will partner to develop the annual report.</p> <p>Core Strategic Objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cannot sacrifice quality/lose more than we'd gain • Building Block Concept- pieces are interdependent (system) 		

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Celebrating how far we've come. (Showcasing) Use fund raising thermometer with a long way to go. • Impact of low rates. • Impacts to families for high co-pay. • Demonstrate complexity of Child Care Fix on Issue- Impact to Mother with strong visuals Cradle at one end - School House at the other end • Success in School = more than minimum price you pay. • Changing demographics-costs up/ different needs <p>Theme: School Readiness and Success</p> <p>What to Do:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Focus on School Readiness/Preparing Children to Succeed In School. "Steps To Success" • Do not "erode" the system • Stronger connections with OSPI, DCCCEL, OTED, and the Community. • Quantifiable (comparison and contrast) • Need to understand links to all components (Health, Education, Social Services) • Terrorism, Unemployment, etc. impacting children and caregivers. • Support working families. • Working Family Expenses Housing vs. Child Care <p>Suggestion was made to utilize some of Barb Felters graphics in the annual report.</p>		
Agency and Subcommittee Reports			
Division of Child Care and Early Learning (DCCCEL)	<p>Rachael Langen reported the electronic version of Economic Services Strategic Plan is out for comment. Recommendations can be made by July 12th to Dori Shoji.</p> <p>DCCCEL is facing operational cuts for Fiscal Year 2003, which means the division will need to make budget cuts and FTE cuts. It is estimated \$625,000.00 will need to come from DCCCEL, which may mean approximately 10% of staff. The Division will quit publishing the Link and will save \$44,000. Criminal History and Background Checks will be stream-lined and centralized.</p> <p>The process of strategic planning is focusing on licensing at the present. The PI story message brought about thoughtful thinking about the following issues:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enforcement authority is not used; • Homes and Centers are left open with many complaints; • Cop vs. coach dilemma; • Workload issues; and 		

Email Elizabeth Bonbright Thompson at ebthompson@childcarenet.org with any new ideas.

	<p>Advocacy is intense at the Federal level around the Early Learning Initiative.</p> <p>Headstart is being re-authorized and discussion continues to be focused on moving Headstart out of DHHS to the Dept. of Education. Concerns are expressed about block granting.</p> <p>ECEAP is being cut at the department level. Cuts may be high.</p>		
<p>Seasonal Migrant Child Care</p>	<p>Spokane Stand For Children has proposed a latte tax much like the proposed Espresso Tax. Signatures are currently being gathered.</p>		
<p>Subsidy Subcommittee</p>	<p>Subsidy Subcommittee met June 20th and the next meeting is scheduled for September 12th. Clarification around activity fees and non-standard bonus hours are being looked at as a means to save dollars.</p> <p>Call Centers were discussed and participants are encouraged to have patience. A participant from Pierce County stated it does get better and loves the new call center.</p> <p>Discussion was held about termination of authorization without notice. Parents are responsible to notify the provider of termination but sometimes do not. There is no solution at present; however, trainers would like to solve the problem.</p> <p>The new rate survey is underway.</p>		
<p>DOH</p>	<p>HCCW is going through issues to look at the re-organization. Looking internally to link with Maternal Child Health and asking for better utilization of Child Care Health Consultants at the local level.</p> <p>DOH is looking at the Federal HCCA grant dollars to help with meeting the national standards.</p>		
<p>Health and Safety Subcommittee</p>	<p>Next meeting is July 19th.</p> <p>The subcommittee is working with Sue Anderson (C.H.E.F.) and HCCW to co-sponsor a "Culture Matters" training focusing on cognitive/social emotional health of children. The training will take place at the WAEYC conference.</p>		

Election of CCCC Chairperson	<p>Elizabeth Bonbright Thompson and Robin Boehler reported that they have conducted an exhaustive search for a Chairperson to the CCCC. The chairperson must be a member of the CCCC and not an agency representative. Agda Burchard has been invited to take on the position.</p> <p>Other persons who were approached have not been able to take on the position.</p> <p>Robin Dunn has been approached about taking on the vice-chair position.</p> <p>Voting will take place at the next CCCC/ Full meeting on September 9, 2002.</p> <p>Other interested persons will be able to submit their applications to the membership committee.</p>		
PI Article Follow-up	<p>Project Lift-Off is looking at ways to respond to the PI article. Lots of letters to the Editor have gone in but not many have been published. They are trying to get someone from the PI to focus on the great work being done in child care.</p>		
Next Month	<p>Marcy asked Rachael to have Roger Long, Program Manager, for DCCCEL to come to discuss websites in August.</p> <p>Marcy would like to begin taking role call in August as she begins transferring leadership of the CCCC and would like to see role call continued to be a part of the agenda for the CCCC monthly meetings.</p>	<p>Marcy would like members to write a one page paper to legislature and email to Elizabeth B. Thompson.</p> <p>Marcy would like members to call members that they haven't seen attending to encourage them to attend.</p>	<p>Liz will email out copies of the matrix for members to call.</p>